



FM 2-100

Opposing Force Doctrinal Framework and Strategy





Contemporary OPFOR

- Manual Development
- Doctrinal
 Framework

Strategy





FM 2-100 Guidance

- Capstone Manual for OPFOR
- Regional Power (OPFOR/State)
- Extraregional Force (U.S.)
- Disproportionate Interests
 - Total War
 - All Elements of Power
- Contemporary Operational Environment
 - Variables Define the State
 - Framework for Multiple Scenarios





FM 2-100 Guidance

- Representative Composite
- Flexible
- Amorphous
- Describe the Conditions
- Scenarios Make It a Threat





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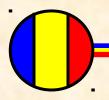
- Possible Points of Friction/Threats to the State
 - Internal
 - Regional
 - Extraregional
- National Security Strategy
 - Doctrine
 - Force Design and Investment Strategy
 Focused Primarily on Regional Conflict
 - Cover All Three Threats
 - All Elements of Power
 - Not Just the Military Piece





Doctrinal Structure

- FM 2-100 OPFOR Doctrinal Framework and Strategy
- FM 2-100.1 OPFOR Operations
- FM 2-100.2 OPFOR Tactics
- FM 2-100.3 OPFOR: Unconventional Organizations and Tactics
- FM 100-60 Armor- and Mechanized-Based OPFOR: Organization Guide
- FM 100-63 Infantry-Based OPFOR: Organization Guide
- Worldwide Equipment Guide (WEG)





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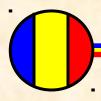
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FM 2-100 OPFOR Doctrinal Framework and Chapter Strategy

Chapter 2 Structure of the State

Chapter 3 Strategy for Total War

Chapter 4 Force Design,
Mobilization, and
Sustainment





"The State"

- Artificial Country
- Composite Model
- Representative
- Other Names





OPFOR in a Broader Sense

- Military Forces
- Paramilitary Forces
- Other Elements of Power
 - -Diplomatic-Political
 - -Informational
 - -Economic
- Allied Forces
- Affiliated Forces





Critical Variables

- Nature of the Government
- Regional and Global Relationships
- Economics
- Demographics
- Information

- Physical Environment
- Technology
- External Organizations
- National Will
- MilitaryCapabilities





Characteristics of the State

- Significant Geographic Area
- Growing Population and **Economy**
- Regional Power
- Could Challenge U.S. Interests
- Aggressive
- Opportunity-Driven
- Global Aspirations





Nature of the Government

- Nondemocratic
- Regional Power
- Ruling Elite





Regional and Global Relationships

- Strategic Partnerships with
 - -Influential Nations
 - -Multinational Corporations
 - -Transnational Organizations
- Regional Influence
- Minority Enclaves





Economics

- Not Among World's Leaders
- Dominates Its Region
- Strong Industrial Base
- Continues to Expand
- Views U.S. as Economic Competitor





Demographics

- Ruling Upper Class
- Growing Middle
 Class
- Large Lower Class





Information

- Tight Control
- Aware of Role of Media and Information
- Striving to Become Information-Based Society
- Upgrading Information Technology





Physical Environment

- Wide Range of Topographical Features
- Ports, Waterways, Rail Network
- Extremes of Heat and Cold





<u>Technology</u>

- Developing Industrial and Technological Base
- Foreign Imports
- Priorities for Development or Acquisition:
 - -Infrastructure, Economy, Information
 - -Dual-Use
 - -Uniquely Military
- Aggressively Seeks to Acquire High-Tech Weapon Systems and System Upgrades 1 Feb 01





External Organizations

- Humanitarian ReliefOrganizations
- Multinational Corporations
- Transnational Groups



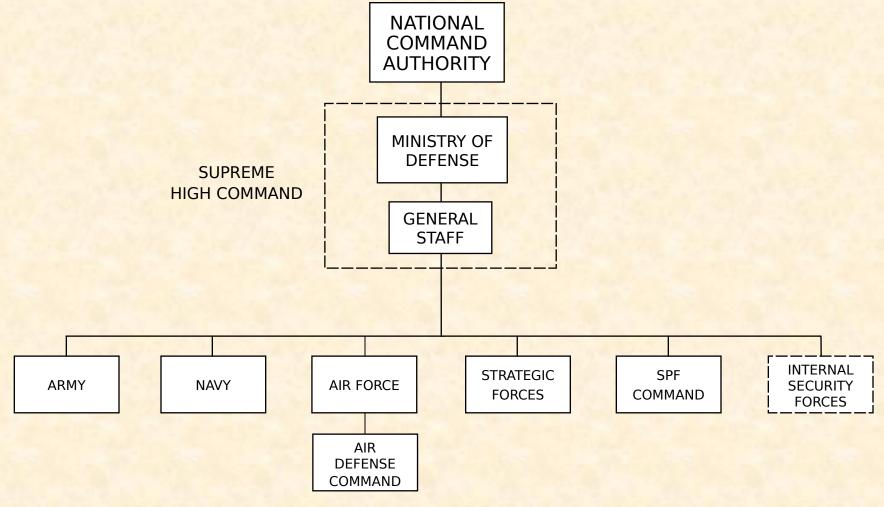
National Will

- Strong Support for Political Leadership, Government, and Military
- National Determination and Resolve
- Populace Willing to Accept Hardship
- Factions and Groups Challenge State





Armed Forces







Military Capabilities

- Army Is Largest Service
- Reserves and Militia
- Capable of Combined Arms and Joint Operations
- Regional Power Projection
- Acquisition and Logistics





Military Capabilities

- More Modern Than Neighbors
- Most Powerful Instrument
- Never Hesitating
- Meet Every Threat
- Aggressive





Elements of National Power

Sources of Power

Instruments of Power





Sources of Power

- Geography
- Population
- Economy
- National Will
- National Direction





Instruments of Power

 Diplomatic-Political

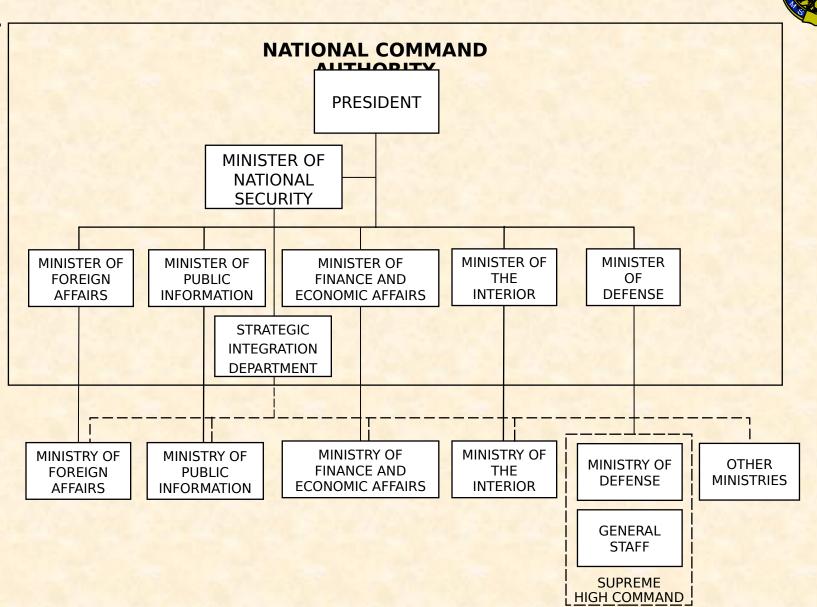
Informational

Economic

Military



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National Security Strategy





National Security Strategy Strategic Goals

- Internal
- Regional (Primary Goal)
- Global
- Total War
- All MeansNecessary
 - All Instruments of Power
 - Adaptive Use





Threats, Force Design, and Investment Strategy Internal

Regional

Extraregional





Views of United States

- Overall Advantage in Warfighting Capability
- Vulnerability of Coalitions
- Unwillingness to Accept Heavy Losses
- Sensitivity to Public Opinion and Lack of Commitment
- Preference for Standoff Combat
- Lack of Optimization for Close, Dismounted Combat
- Dependence on High Technology



Views of United States

- Dependence on Information Dominance
- Predictable Operations
- Lack of Cultural Awareness
- Vulnerability of Force Projection
- Dependence on Robust Logistics
- Reliance on Contractor Support
- Downsizing After Conflict



Principles of Operation Against Extraregional

- · Deny Access in All In
- Control Tempo
- Cause Politically Unacceptable Casualties
- Neutralize Technological Overmatch
- Change the Nature of Conflict
- Allow No Sanctuary





Strategic Campaign

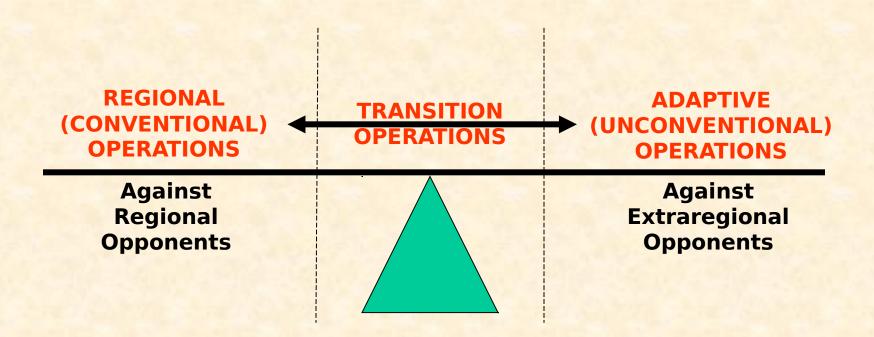




Strategic Campaign

STRATEGIC OPERATIONS

Against Enemy Strategic Centers of Gravity







Strategic Operations Occur Throughout the Strategic

- Occur Throughout the Strategic Campaign
- Not Limited to Wartime
- Can Transcend Region
- Target Enemy's Strategic Centers of Gravity
 - Soldiers' and Leaders' Confidence
 - Political and Diplomatic Decisions
 - Public Opinion
 - Interests of Private Institutions
 - National Will
 - Alliances and Coalitions





Strategic Operations

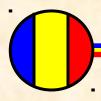
- Deter or Compel Regional Actors
- Defensive During Regional Operations
- Prevent Outside Intervention
- More Aggressive After Intervention
- Get Extraregional Force to Leave





Strategic A Operations - Diplomatic Initiatives

- Information Warfare
- Economic Pressure
- Terrorist Attacks
- State-Sponsored Insurgency
- Direct Action by SPF
- Deep-Strike Precision **Fires**
- WMD
- Place Noncombatants at Risk
- No Sanctuary





· Against Opponent(s) from Within Regegional Operations

- State Overmatches in Conventional Power
- Primarily Offensive
- Primary Goal to Expand Influence in Region
- Specific Regional Goals:
 - Territorial Expansion
 - Economic Expansion
 - Acquisition of Natural Resources
 - Protection of Related Minority





Regional Operations

- Achieve Strategic Decision or Specific Regional Goals as Rapidly as Possible
 - To Preclude Regional Alliances
 - To Preclude Outside Intervention
- State Continues Strategic Operations to Preclude Outside Intervention:
 - Keep Foreign Perceptions Below Threshold of Intervention
 - Prevent International Consensus for Intervention
- State Plans and Positions Forces for Access-Denial Operations





Transition Operations

REGIONAL (CONVENTIONAL) OPERATIONS



ADAPTIVE (UNCONVENTIONAL)
OPERATIONS

- Pivotal Point Between Regional and Adaptive Operations
- Transition May Go in either Direction
- State Anticipates and Plans





Transition Operations Extraregional Force Starts to Deploy into

- Region
 - Balance of Power Begins to Shift Away from State
 - State May Not Yet Be Totally **Overmatched**
 - State Cannot Handle This Threat with Normal "Conventional" Patterns of **Operation**
- State Begins to Adapt Its Operations to **New Situation/Changing Threat**
- State Still Pursues Overall Strategic Goal Version 1.0, 1 Feb 01 of Regional Expansion





· NeTransition Qperations

- Defeat Outside Intervention
- Prevent Full Intervention (Access-Denial)
- Preserve State's Instruments of Power
- Seek Transition Back to Regional Operations
- Mixture of Offensive and Defensive Actions to
 - Control Tempo
 - Change the Nature of the Conflict
 - Buy Time for Strategic Operations to Succeed

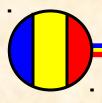




Transition Operations

Possible Outcomes:

- Extraregional Force Suffers Losses or Must Withdraw from Region:
 - State's Operations May Begin to Transition Back to Regional Construct
 - Again Becoming Primarily Offensive
- Extraregional Force Continues to Build Up Power in Region:
 - State's Transition Operations May Begin to Gravitate Toward Adaptive Operations





- State Must Employ Adaptive Operations if It Cannot
 - Deny the Extraregional Force Access into the Region
 - Defeat His Forces Before Combat
 Power Equals or Exceeds the State's
- Not an Entirely Separate Construct
 - Adaptive Applications of Same Construct
 - State Has Already Planned How to Adapt





- Primary Objectives:
 - Preserve Instruments of Power
 - Ensure Survival of Regime
 - Degrade or Destroy Enemy's
 Will and Capability to Fight
 - Gain Time for Aggressive
 Strategic Operations to Succeed
- Long-Term Goal Is Still Expansion
 - Only Temporarily Thwarted
 - Focus on Effects Over Time
 - Patience Is the State's Ally





- Disperse Forces in Areas of Sanctuary
 - Physical
 - Moral
- Defend in Sanctuaries When Necessary
- Use Windows of Opportunity to Attack
 - Ambush and Raid
 - Mass Fires from Dispersed Locations
 - Rapidly Mass Forces at Time and Place of Its Choosing





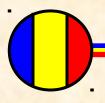
- Expect Commanders to
 - Seize Opportunity
 - Tailor Organizations to Missions
 - Make Creative Use of Existing Capabilities

Even More Than in Regional and Transition Operations





- Total War with All Means Necessary
 - Creative and Adaptive Use of Existing Technologies and Forces
 - Conventional and Unconventional Forces in Adaptive Manner
 - Combination of Offense and Defense
 - Close Coordination with Strategic Operations
 - Operations
 Attack the Enemy Throughout His Depth



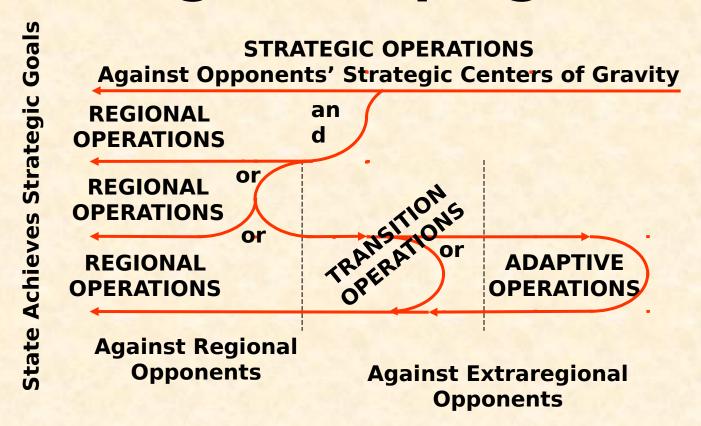


Possible Outcomes:

- Completely Resolve Conflict in State's Favor
- At Least Allow Return to Regional Operations
- Stalemate May Be Victory for State

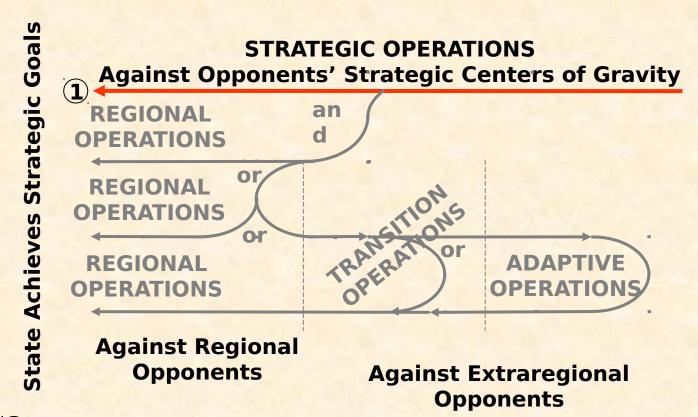












1 State achieves its strategic goals without combat, through strategic operations that compel other actors to yield to State's will.







2 State must react to a particular regional threat or seizes an opportunity to change status quo in region.

While strategic operations continue, State achieves its strategic goals through regional operations against weaker neighbors, without extraregional intervention.







- **4** Extraregional power threatens to intervene.
- 5 State deters extraregional intervention through strategic
- 6 operations.
 State achieves its strategic goals after deterring intervention.







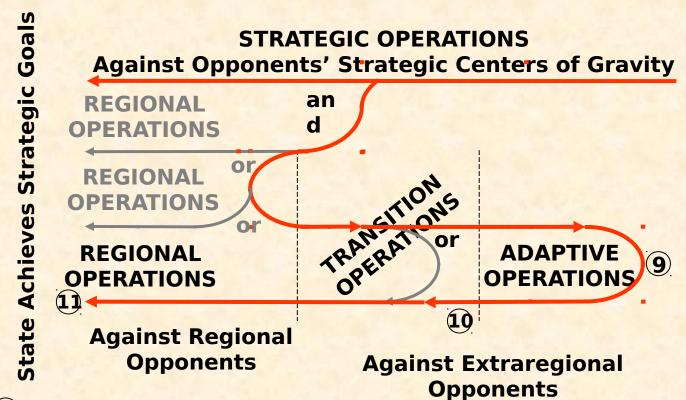
- State unable to deter intervention; begins transition
- State defeats early-entry forces or causes extraregional forces to withdraw from region; transitions back to region

forces to withdraw from region; transitions back to regional operations.

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- Extraregional forces fully deployed and overmatch State forces; State conducts adaptive operations.
- Extraregional forces withdraw from region after defeat or stalemate; State begins transition back to regional
- operations.

State achieves its strategic goals after extraregional *Version 1.0, 1 Feb 01*





Summary

- Baseline for Contemporary OPFOR
- Total Operational Environment
- All Instruments of Power
- How to Fight and Win Against the U.S.
- Less Predictable
- Flexible, Thinking, Adaptive OPFOR





Questions?